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## Preliminary Amendment

### Amendments to the Specification:

Page 1, before the title, please insert the following:

#### TITLE OF THE INVENTION

Page 1, at line 2, please insert the following:

#### CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a divisional application of application Serial No. 10/149,449 filed June 27, 2002, which is a 371 of PCT/EP00/12972 filed December 20, 2000.

#### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

##### Field of the Invention

Page 1, at line 7, please insert the following:

##### Description of the Background

Page 2, at line <sup>12</sup>~~11~~, please insert the following:

#### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 11, at line 17, please insert the following:

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 shows as automatic unit for the synthesis of a Mannich base in the present invention.

Figure 2 shows another automatic unit for the synthesis of a Mannich base in the present invention.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS